

## **LuSeal Moves (temporarily) To New Bedford**

The aquarium staff moved our harbor seal, LuSeal, to New Bedford March 1 to prepare for an upcoming seal pool renovation project. LuSeal will live in the Buttonwood Park Zoo with four other harbor seals. We will bring her back to Woods Hole when we have completed our new and larger pool.

Meanwhile, information about visiting LuSeal at the Buttonwood Park Zoo is available HERE.

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What's Up? - LuSeal, nearly four-year-old harbor seal has lived in the pool in front of the Woods Hole



Hop In - Aquarium curator David Radosh drained LuSeal's pool the morning of March 1, and the 100-pound seal hopped in her carrier. (Photo by Teri Stanley/Falmouth Enterprise)



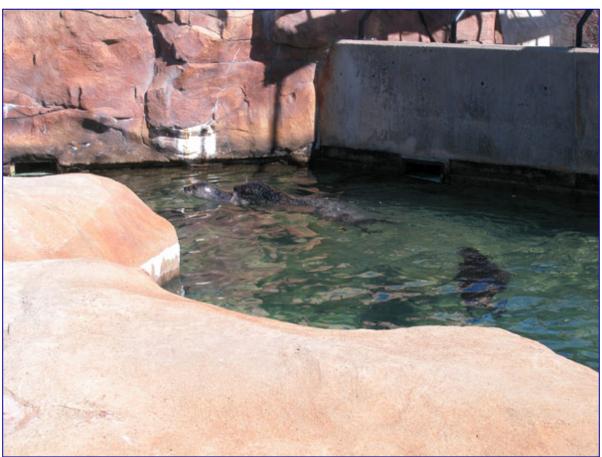
Hauling Out - WHSA aquarist Rachel Metz (front) hauls LuSeal to a van for her 45-minute ride to her new temporary home. The other seal handlers are NOAA biologist Sarah Pregracke (left) and WHSA intern Mike Barga (right). (Teri Stanley/Falmouth Enterprise)



Arrival - The Buttonwood Park Zoo staff helps Rachel lift the crated seal out of the van.



I don't think we're in Woods Hole any more - LuSeal peeks out of her crate at her new temporary home. LuSeal climbed right out and slid into the water where she met her four new poolmates.



Getting to Know You - LuSeal (front) was quickly greeted by Fatso, a 31 year-old male harbor seal who took an immediate interest in the visiting seal.



Underwater - LuSeal (center) fit right in with the Buttonwood seals.



New Friends - Buttonwood seals include a 25-year-old female named Yellow (front), a small three-year-old male named Blue (center), and Fatso (back). Woods Hole seal watchers may remember Yellow, who spent

her summers in the Woods Hole Science Aquarium pool from 1996-98.
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